

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 38-44, 47, 48, 50 and 57-60 are cancelled. Claim 45 has been rewritten in independent form and claim 46 has been rewritten to depend from amended claim 45. Newly added claims 61 and 62 depend from independent claim 25 and are thus believed allowable. Newly added claims 63 and 64 depend from independent claims 31 and 45, respectively, and are thus believed to be allowable. These amendments do not amount to acquiescence to the Examiner's position and applicant traverses the right to prosecute a continuation application with broader claims.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

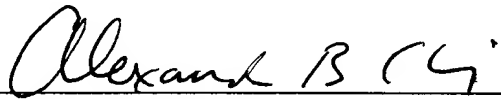
Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee or deficiency thereof, except for the Issue Fee, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3878.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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